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2010 HONORS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Forty-seven Nebraska high school graduates have been named Nebraska Honors Scholarship winners and 118 college students will have their scholarships renewed for another year, according to the Nebraska Department of Education.

This year Nebraska received \$244,500 in new federal funds for disbursement to selected scholars. Each winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to help pay for their college education. Depending on future Congressional appropriations, this scholarship may be renewed three times.

Winners were selected using criteria established by a panel of educators from high schools and colleges in Nebraska. Under federal regulations, the criteria must emphasize academic achievement and promise and ensure equitable geographic distribution of awards. In addition, Nebraska's selection process primarily considers student ACT scores. The 2010 new Nebraska Honors Scholarship recipients are:

Max Andersen
Aurora High School, Aurora
Hometown: Marquette

Sarah Bauer
Grand Island High School, Grand Island
Hometown: Grand Island

Michael Blaha
Blair High School, Blair
Hometown: Blair

Jacob Bradley
Chadron High School, Chadron
Hometown: Chadron

Kevin Brodersen
Lincoln East High School, Lincoln
Hometown: Lincoln

Zachary Christensen
Elkhorn High School, Elkhorn
Hometown: Elkhorn

Maesen Churchill

Lincoln East High School, Lincoln
Hometown: Lincoln

Rachel Coburn
Elkhorn High School, Elkhorn
Hometown: Omaha

Nicholas Davis
Creighton Preparatory School, Omaha
Hometown: Omaha

Liang Deng
Millard North High School, Omaha
Hometown: Omaha

Matthew Eames
Lincoln Lutheran High School, Lincoln
Hometown: Lincoln

James Ferguson
Lincoln Southeast High School, Lincoln
Hometown: Lincoln

Alysha Garber
Ashland-Greenwood High School, Ashland
Hometown: Greenwood

Ali Gieselman
Bloomfield High School, Bloomfield
Hometown: Bloomfield

Thomas Gilgenast
Creighton Preparatory School, Omaha
Hometown: Omaha

Seth Guthrie
Elm Creek High School, Elm Creek
Hometown: Elm Creek

Matthew Heng
York High School, York
Hometown: York

Keri Hilker
McCook High School, McCook
Hometown: McCook

Jeremy Hollman

Heartland Lutheran High School, Grand Island
Hometown: Hastings

Aaron Jank
Hastings High School, Hastings
Hometown: Hastings

MaryAlice Karel
Johnson-Brock High School, Johnson
Hometown: Johnson

Bryant Keller
Eustis-Farnam High School, Eustis
Hometown: Eustis

Amanda Keys
Home Schooled
Hometown: Elsmere

Lillian Kiel
Bellevue West High School, Bellevue
Hometown: Bellevue

Rachel Lemke
Hastings St. Cecilia High School, Hastings
Hometown: Hastings

Wendy Leuenberger
Lincoln Southeast High School, Lincoln
Hometown: Lincoln

AnneMarie Little
Paxton High School, Paxton
Hometown: Paxton

Mohammad Malik
Millard West High School, Omaha
Hometown: Omaha

Tyler McConville
Columbus High School, Columbus
Hometown: Columbus

Zachary McKenzie
Fullerton High School, Fullerton
Hometown: Fullerton

Ellen Muehling

Lincoln East High School, Lincoln
Hometown: Lincoln

Mitchell Nohner
Creighton Preparatory School, Omaha
Hometown: Omaha

Jonathan Olson
Creighton Preparatory School, Omaha
Hometown: Omaha

Mattingly Perlinger
Paxton High School, Paxton
Hometown: Paxton

Dominic Ryan
Lincoln East High School, Lincoln
Hometown: Walton

Alex Scheideler
Lincoln East High School, Lincoln
Hometown: Bennet

Drew Schendt
Broken Bow High School, Broken Bow
Hometown: Broken Bow

Jennifer Schneider
Grand Island High School, Grand Island
Hometown: Grand Island

Nicklaus Schwaller
Creighton Preparatory School, Omaha
Hometown: Omaha

Cole Sievers
Lincoln Southeast High School, Lincoln
Hometown: Lincoln

Allison Skidmore
Fairbury High School, Fairbury
Hometown: Fairbury

Jenna Stecker
Columbus High School, Columbus
Hometown: Columbus

Lyndsey Stessman

Gretna High School, Gretna
Hometown: Gretna

Cody Stowe
Norfolk Catholic High School, Norfolk
Hometown: Norfolk

Jakob Strawhecker
Kearney High School, Kearney
Hometown: Kearney

Wyatt Troia
Creighton Preparatory School, Omaha
Hometown: Omaha

Sara Winkler
Duchesne Academy, Omaha
Hometown: Omaha

These scholarships are funded by the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program, a federally funded program that began in 1987 to recognize top senior scholars in the nation.